

GIRL WEAVER, FAIRLY CONTENTED, BUT WANTS HOME TO FUSS OVER Kensington Worker, Getting \$7 Weekly, Pities Poor Store Girl, but Notes a Few Hardships of Her Own. Never Heard of Eight-Hour Law

WELL, Miss, I can tell you all about myself, but there's one thing I can't tell you that I tell you anything about the girl that works next to me. This was the best paid weaver in the carpet factory in the neighborhood of Kensington and Ontario streets began. "Maybe we are a little jealous of the next one, but we don't confide in any one up here; and one sure thing, we don't go around asking questions," added the girl pointed and looked hard at the reporter, who was at the moment trying to get a job in a carpet factory.

"I began when I was 13 years old, and I'm 21 now. I'd rather be a mill girl than working in a store, only making a few weeks' pay. You ought to be first; here in our slack season, and we know just when it's going to begin and when it's going to end. And in the busy season I can easily make \$10 to \$15."

"The two girls, standing on the corner of Kensington avenue and Ontario street of Kensington, were well dressed. One wore a large black velvet hat, soft white vest and a dark blue serge skirt. She wore silk stockings and well-kempt pumps. The second one wore a striped dress of blue, a house, a dark skirt and a sailor hat. They both could afford to pay 10 cents a day for a car."

"We don't know the shopgirls can't do what they make. It's all right to have it only during the slack time, but it would be mighty hard to get along on less all year round. I work in our house and we've all got enough. I guess we girls have the best jobs going."

WEAVERS BEST PAID. "Of course, we weavers are the best paid. First come the setters; they set the pattern. They have a large roll fastened on the wall before them, and as they work they unroll the paper and copy the pattern on it. They make as much as we do. Then the pattern comes to us and we do the weaving. After that comes the doer. They tie up the loose ends and darn any place where the stitches missed.

"Then the carpet, which we have woven in strips about 3 feet wide and 4 feet long is made. The strips are sewed together to make the design. When the sewers have finished it the starchers take hold of it and they stuff it and make it like the carpet you buy in the stores."

"I guess I turn out a little more than 30 yards a day, and I have charge of two looms the one time. We get a cent a yard for the ordinary carpet, so you see just how much I make. My friend here, she's a burlier. They get only three-

quarters of a cent a yard, and this winter they reduced the pay from 1 cent to half a cent; but the girls all struck, and they got back half a cent.

"Women aren't much good at striking. I worked in a mill in West Philadelphia and we were out on a strike for six months. And the women lost out. The men did not. But they got Polish girls to come in and take the place of the girls who never got back. But the men struck together, and they won. What's the matter with us women anyhow? Somehow we never get our friends to count to be. NOT STRIKE ON STRIKE."

"Suffrage, well, I just don't know. We listen to everybody that comes up here, but honest, I don't see where the vote has done the men much good. In our factory we never get a vote more than the girls and some of the men families of three and four kids to support. We strike aren't so hard off.

"Eight-hour law for women? What do you think of that? Not in this part of town. In our factory we work from quarter of 7 in the morning until half past 7, with three-quarters of an hour for lunch. Count it out yourself. And my sister works in the hosiery mill across the street from us, and she pointed at a factory on the opposite corner, out of which came a string of girls. "They work from 7 to 10, and have the same as us for lunch. We never heard of any such law."

"I wish we had it. Why, I live in West Philadelphia. I come over Thompson street and exchange in Kensington, and it takes me more than an hour to get here in the morning. And when I leave home the stars are out and sometimes the moon, and I have to wear a coat and a hat in the winter time, and the moon, I never see the sun full in the face in the winter time."

"I had rather be a mill girl, but it isn't all sunshine for her. We get docked a lot. If we work about a piece of carpet we have to buy it, and four yards at 80 cents a yard makes a big hole. One week when a needle slipped out of place and I didn't know it I was docked \$1.50."

"I wonder, too, if this is the only place where a girl hands out money to the boss when she first begins work? We pay him \$5 to teach us how to work carpet. And \$5 for just one week's schooling is a good deal to us."

"What do I do in the slack season? We work free of charge, and on the other days do just what I'd like to do all the time. And honest, that is housework. I love to fuss around the house and make things, but I never get a chance to vote for what I want, that's what I want. A place of my own, where I can fuss about all day long."



ROSE MELVILLE "Sis Hopkins" of blessed memory, is going into the movies.

Theatrical Baedeker

PLAYS. "March You Stars" with Mrs. Vernon Castle, Frank Tracy, Bernard Garrick, Jerome Kern and Harry Hill. The musical comedy revue success of New York. "On the Beach" with Frederick Perry, Frederick Truesdell, Gordon Crane, Ruth Moran, Marie Lombard. The circumstantial evidence play shows in dramatic form after the opening of the trial.

DISCOUNTS ON WINDOW GLASS OFF. DETERMINE. Dec. 29. All discounts have been reduced for all sizes and quantities of domestic export window glass, this rating being in effect on Dec. 29. The new prices will soon be announced.

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NEW YORK COFFEE MARKET. NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—During the early operations the coffee market showed further weakness, with the January position 10 points below the final of yesterday's trading against notices. The late months, however, were fairly steady as there was a disposition to transfer interest from the near to the late positions. The spot demand continues dull and there seemed to be little prospect of much improvement until after the holiday season is over and interior handlers have taken their annual inventories.

Today's Yesterday's opening. December 2,826.60 2,826.60. January 2,826.60 2,826.60. February 2,826.60 2,826.60. March 2,826.60 2,826.60. April 2,826.60 2,826.60. May 2,826.60 2,826.60. June 2,826.60 2,826.60. July 2,826.60 2,826.60. August 2,826.60 2,826.60. September 2,826.60 2,826.60. October 2,826.60 2,826.60. November 2,826.60 2,826.60. December 2,826.60 2,826.60.

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